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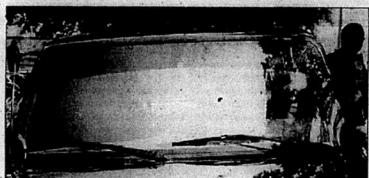
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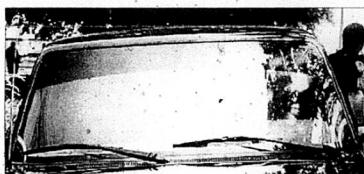
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He said gang members come from all kinds of families.

"Some people think 'not my kid,' I know a kid who's got everything going for him. His parents back him up. They bought him a car. He gets good grades. He's in a gang," he continued.

Robert said his own problems with the law started with drugs.

"You don't have to be in a gang to get into trouble," he said.

He started using cocaine at age 13.

"I hung around with older kids. Finally someone gave me some cocaine," he said.

Eventually, the teen tried other drugs: marijuana, uppers, downers, "just about everything except crack and heroin."

He said he stayed away from crack because "I'd hear about crack heads. It's like it's a dirty drug, like heroin."

Robert said he was a member of his gang that backed him up through school in corrections facilities.

"Some of them even wrote to me when I was incarcerated," he said.

He said gang loyalty is strong.

"We sometimes take the place of other gang members to keep them from going to prison," he said. "I have a lot of respect for that," he said. "Nobody would take any prison time for you unless they really care about you."

He could not explain why, if these people "really cared," they would shoot him if he tried to quit.

He said he doesn't worry about getting hurt, either by a rival gang or his own.

"I don't think about it much," he said.

Joss is a member of the CAP. He wouldn't say what CAP stands for.

He joined the gang at age 15.

"The other gang members were people at school," he said. "I joined them for a long time. I used to talk to them."

"I wanted to be part of the clique," he said. "A lot of people wanted to be part of our clique, but we don't take just anybody. You have to be confidential. You have to back each other up. You also have to be able to fight for yourself. You can't run away if another group jumps you."

He said some junior gang members are known as "Baby CAP." They aren't yet trusted enough to attend regular CAP meetings, he said. They meet separately.

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Joss's father died when he was a baby. He said his older brother tried to convince him to stay out of gangs, but he didn't listen.

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"Gang members he knows come from all kinds of backgrounds. Some come from single-parent households. Others have both parents at home," he said.

"I know both parents but the parents just don't care where they are," he said. "If they get locked up, they just get them."

Joss said he has been incarcerated for some crimes he has done and some he was blamed for.

Now that he's in the gang, there's no turning back, he said.

"Even if I wanted to get out, I can't get out," he said. "You're in fox life, until you die."

Besides he added, "so many people (from rival gangs) know me, if they see me, they're going to try to kill me or I'll have to kill them."

He said there have been drive-by shootings at his home.

"If they're after you, they'll hit you where they know you'll come back and look for them," he said.

Joss said he doesn't worry about innocent bystanders who might get caught in gang violence.

"People don't care if I got shot," he said. "Why should I care about them?"

David he joined Folk Nation at age 13 because all of his friends from the neighborhood were in it.

"He said he had been hanging around with gang members and thinking about joining. Then he went to a night club one night and got jumped by some (Latin Kings.)

After that, he said, he hated members of the Latin Kings gang.

"I'm not a racist," he said. "I don't have any problem with blacks or other people. For a while I didn't like Hispanics because the Latin Kings are Hispanic. Now I just don't like Latin Kings."

David said for him the gang became "like a religion."

"It goes back in history," he said. "I learned the history. I know how they wear their clothes and why."

"If you want to know, you have to be in for it or a bond."

He said gangs are not all bad. Not all gang members are involved in crime or violence, he said.

"I know who I am," he said. "I'll always be Folk, but I may not be an active gang-banger. I'll still go out of my way to help a friend."

He said he isn't afraid of what would happen if he tried to leave the gang. He said he stays a member out of "love for my friends. It's like a bond."

"I think it's kind of messed up. Gangs have such a bad reputation," he said.

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"My dad is still in it. He's 51," he said.

He said the oldest gang member he knows is 68.

The gang has always been part of his life.

"All my friends were in it. My family was in it. I didn't want to be left out," he said.

"They said when my dad was younger, it wasn't like it is now," he explained. "They fought for the streets."

"My dad told me when he first got in, it was about territory. They didn't want nobody from other cities trying to come in and take things over," he said.

Gangs didn't fight each other or shoot each other, he said. They just fought their own turf.

"Nobody cared about colors, like it is now," he said.

At first, he said, he "was just hanging out" with other gang members.

"When I was 11, I sold drugs," he said.

"I went with them when they went out to gang-banged people, but I just watched," he said.

"Jimmy has seen gang violence first hand. When he was 12 years old, his father and brother were injured in a drive-by shooting at his home. He said his father and brother were on the front porch when the shooting started.

"They came up and stopped the car and started shooting," he said. "My dad and brother started shooting back."

"I ran in the house. I didn't want to get shot," he said.

His father was shot six times in the gun battle, he said. His brother was shot once. Both survived. But his family did not.

"My mom was scared," he said. "That's why she and my dad broke up. She said every time she heard gun shots, she would think that one of us got shot and killed."

"She couldn't take it," he said.

Unable to convince his husband to leave the gang, she left the marriage. Jimmy said his mother tried to convince him to go with her.

"She was trying to get me out of it, but she finally quit trying," he said.

"I think all you try, unless they're in a gang to go," he said.

Jimmy said if he ever got married and had children, he would want to get out of the gang and get away from the gang violence.

"I wouldn't want them to grow up the way I did," he said.

He said he thinks the gangs are changing. Some are encouraging members to hold jobs and even run for public office.

"I know a couple of gang members who are politicians," he said. "The gangs want their own people in office so the gang can run things. Then if they get in trouble, they can help them out."

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lations, native plant communities, and related resources are maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner and made available for appropriate outdoor recreational activities consistent with protection of the water resources.

In this fourth part of a series, we continue to look at the various categories for which the district is responsible under the land stewardship program.

• Exotic Plant Control

Part of the natural resource management includes exotic plant control, prescribed burning, and general maintenance, and improvement of outdoor recreational activities consistent with protection of the water resources.

In order to control exotic plants, the district uses application of environmentally safe herbicides and applies them in a manner that does not harm the natural resources.

During 1997, contractors and field staff treated nearly 9,000 acres for exotic plants. These acres were located in four different project areas.

In the coming year, another 10,000 acres are earmarked for exotic plant control.

Prescribed burning is a method used by the district to reduce hazardous buildup of fuel loads, to enhance wildlife habitat, and to encourage restoration of native plant communities. Prescribed burning is also an integral part of the exotic plant control program.

The district encourages public access to and use of its lands for appropriate outdoor recreational activities, consistent with the agency's legal interest and preservation and management of the water and environmental resources.

Recreational development focuses on the provision of basic

facilities with special consideration given to outdoor recreational activities for persons with disabilities.

During the previous years, the district opened 10,000 additional acres for public use and the game commission opened 4,000 acres to small game hunting in the Kissimmee valley.

A contract was initiated for a study concerning user fees and quarterly reports were initiated to estimate public use of these lands.

In the coming year, the district will see the completion of the user fee study, revise the format for the Public Use Guide and construct or improve three user access points.

• Development of restoration projects

Natural features of south Florida's landscape are rapidly disappearing because of encroaching agricultural and urban development. A major thrust of the Save Our Rivers program is to protect the flowways, watersheds and wetlands, all critical to the water resources of the district. Common disturbances to these lands include clearing to improve pasture and drainage. The Land Stewardship Division assesses these lands for the hydrologic and environmental restoration needs and recommends how to correct these impacts. Restoration projects may be funded, designed, constructed and maintained by the district, by developers as mitigation or a combination of methods.

HEALTH WATCH

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Kids and fruit juice: A little goes a long way

By Katrina Elsken

Too much of anything can be bad for you.

Recently in the news are reports that drinking too much fruit juice can help make children short and/or overweight.

While fruit juice can provide vitamins and nutrients, juices are also high in natural sugars.

According to an article published in the May 1997 edition of "Redbook" Magazine, a study showed 42 percent of children who drank 12 ounces of juice a day were shorter than normal, while only 14 percent of children who drank less juice were shorter than normal.

The study also showed that 53 percent of children who drink 12 ounces of juice a day or more are obese. Children who grow up overweight are at a higher risk for a wide variety of other health problems, as well as emotional difficulties.

Why does drinking a lot of juice contribute to these problems?

The prevailing theory is the children fill up on the sweet juices and then do not eat other nutritious foods they need for proper growth. That's why kids who drink a lot of juice may tend to be shorter. Also fruit juices, while nutritious, are also high in calories. It's easy to gain weight if you drink a lot of fruit juice, hence the trend toward obesity.

Researchers say children under the age of 6 months should not be given juice at all. Infants have difficulty digesting juices. Those age 6 months to 2 years should be limited to 4 ounces of juice per day. Those over age 2 should have no more



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than 8 ounces of juice per day. How much is 8 ounces? One cup. (Perhaps there is good reason those juice glasses are so small.)

For a comparison of calorie content, an 8-ounce glass of regular soda has 100 calories. A glass of ginger ale has 90 calories, root beer has 120. An 8-ounce glass of white grape juice has 180 calories; grapefruit juice has 120 calories; apple juice has 120 calories; orange juice has 110.

What should kids be drinking between meals?

Sugary sodas and fruit-flavored drinks should be strictly limited, especially if the child has a weight problem. And many doctors say children should not be given diet drinks. Aspartame, used to sweeten diet drinks, can cause headaches. Since children have lower body weights, it doesn't take much diet soda to be too much.

But there's nothing wrong with water.

If you think your kids won't drink water when they are thirsty, just check out any school water fountain after

recess.

Drinking a lot of water is a good habit for kids to get into. Water helps the body rid itself of toxins. It hydrates the skin. It helps reduce the chance of bladder and kidney infections.

As a compromise solution, try a fruit juice "spritzer." Fill a glass 3/4 full of carbonated water or seltzer and add a splash of fruit juice.

Of course, even water can be harmful in too great a quantity, but you don't have to worry about that with children over age 2. A few years ago, doctors found some infants were suffering from water intoxication.

They discovered some low-income parents were mixing baby formula too weak in an attempt to save money.

This caused the babies to drink more in an attempt to satisfy their hunger and their tiny bodies could not handle the excess water. Giving babies a bottle with water between meals of properly-mixed formula or breast milk will not cause the same problem, because babies will only drink what they need to satisfy their thirst. But with the water formula, they kept drinking because it tasted like milk but still did not satisfy their hunger.

While juice makers may cringe at the recent reports, it's not bad news for the farmers. The research just indicates that most fruit in the diet should be consumed whole rather than as juice. Remember: All things in moderation.

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Hepatitis Reaching Epidemic Proportions Worldwide

(NAPS)—The death rate from viral hepatitis, a collection of diseases affecting more than 5 million Americans and 2 billion people worldwide, is expected to triple over the next 10-20 years. While hepatitis is a public health hazard more common in the United States, Americans don't know what it is or how it is contracted.

"People need to understand that viral hepatitis is a problem that affects people of all ages, races and genders," said Naomi Judd in support of the Viral Hepatitis Education Campaign. The country superstar was diagnosed with viral hepatitis eight years ago and now serves as an advocate for people suffering from these diseases, as well as a voluntary national spokeswoman for the American Liver Foundation (ALF).

Leading medical experts agree that this lack of public awareness of hepatitis is the greatest barrier to reducing the incidence and effects of the disease.

"More than 15,000 people in this country will die this year, as a result of viral hepatitis," said former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, MD during the National Summit on Hepatitis held in Washington on February 24. "Many of these people will not be aware that they were carrying a potential-

ly fatal virus. Sadly, many could have benefited from treatment, had proper screening and referral systems been in place."

This pressing need to educate Americans about the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis was the focus of the recent National Summit on Hepatitis, sponsored by the American Digestive Health FoundationSM (ADHFSM) and the ALF. During the summit, Dr. Koop and the nation's foremost experts on hepatitis rallied together to combat the public health crisis by launching the Digestive Health Initiative® Viral Hepatitis Education Campaign. The Digestive Health Initiative is the education and outreach program of the ADHFSM which increases awareness of various digestive health disorders.

This campaign will provide legislators, healthcare professionals, media and the general public with information about all forms of hepatitis through public service announcements and other educational tools. The campaign includes a culturally sensitive program to reach groups who are at increased risk of hepatitis, such as African-Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, Native Americans, gay men, adolescents and people who use intravenous drugs.

There are five known hepatitis viruses that affect the liver, the most common of which are hepatitis A, B and C.

You can get hepatitis A from:

- eating food or drinking water contaminated with infected human waste (this happens most often when people don't wash their hands after using the bathroom or when traveling to underdeveloped countries where water purification is poor)

Risk factors for hepatitis B include:

- having unprotected sex with an infected person or multiple partners
- injecting drugs
- receiving a blood transfusion before 1972
- during childbirth (mother to infant transmission)

The most common cause for hepatitis C is:

- snorting or injecting drugs, even once

You can also get it if you had:

- a blood transfusion before 1992
- unprotected sex with multiple partners

For more information, call the American Digestive Health Foundation at 1-800-668-5237 or the American Liver Foundation at 1-888-4HEP-ABC.

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Diet Drug Concerns Spark Natural Weight-Loss Research

By Dr. Harry G. Preuss,
M.D., F.A.C.N.

(NAPS)—The FDA approved another diet drug, Meridia, despite the objections of its own scientific advisers, who stated potential side effects make the drug too risky. Meridia can cause an increase in blood pressure and pulse rate that may endanger patients with hypertension (high blood pressure) or certain heart conditions, the FDA warned.

In the wake of the removal of the diet drugs Redux and fenfluramine—the "fen" in fen-phen, patients and physicians alike are looking for safe and effective alternatives to potentially dangerous prescription drugs. Redux and fenfluramine were pulled from the market after a Mayo Clinic study showed 24 users had developed serious heart valve damage subsequent to use.

In an effort to respond to the need for safe and effective treatments for obesity, the National Research Council for Health (NRCH), a non-profit organization based in Boise, Idaho, is conducting research on natural compounds designed to aid weight loss. The NRCH research testing program involves study protocols designed to substantiate the effectiveness of natural compounds in a clinical setting using the latest scientific methods.

The need for a safe and effective natural alternative for the treatment of weight management is the utmost importance," reports Dr. Gilbert Kaats, director of the Health and Medical Foundation, San Antonio, TX, advisory board member of the NRCH and chairperson of the Obesity Health Initiative developed by the NRCH. Dr. Kaats, is one of several prominent research scientists and medical doctors who are helping to coordinate obesity research through the NRCH. According to Dr. Kaats, the goal of the NRCH is to design and implement clinical studies which demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of natural compounds in the treatment of obesity.

While many diet drugs can aid weight loss, Dr. Kaats is quick to point out that healthy weight loss involves more than

just shedding pounds. "We've included many of the diet drugs including those that were recently banned. The yo-yo effect occurs in part, because

they've lost. This is common

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Caller says coverage is biased

"Yes, I'm calling in regard to the most recent edition of *The Sun* newspaper. I'm very concerned about the fact that Glades Day School seems to get more coverage than Glades Central or Pahokee High School."

For every year that I have been familiar with *The Sun* I've always noticed, even in the section of the special insert that includes photos of the graduating seniors, that Glades Day School is always put first, then the other schools, which are predominantly African American schools, are placed second. That has always been the set-up of that special insert.

Also, on the cover of *The Sun* you notice the valoeditors or co-valoeditors for Glades Day School, while we never see feature stories of the valoeditors of Glades Central and Pahokee High School.

So, I'd like to see a bit more coverage of African Americans in the paper, so they're not slighted and we don't have just coverage of white people in this community. There are a great number of African Americans who are doing great things and also purchase this newspaper and we deserve to be equally represented.

resented.

Thank you."

Editor responds: Thank you for Speaking Out. I understand your concern, but feel your information is flawed.

In checking the past three year's editions of *The Sun*, here is what I found: June of 1995, 1996, and 1997, all three school's graduations were featured on the top of the front page. Glades Day School's graduation is always the week before the public schools, so they run in the paper the week before the public schools. In 1995 in the graduation section, GDS was in the middle on the front and in the special section they were listed second, after one of the public schools. In 1996, they were featured first in the section, but were on the bottom on the front cover. In 1997, GDS was featured last in the special section and was at the bottom of the front, after PHS and GCHS. If it seems GDS gets more coverage in *The Sun* it is because they submit more news and photos. We have asked the public schools to submit a weekly column, as GDS does, but have been unsuccessful in our efforts.

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Letters to the Editor**Thanks for return of wallet**

Dear Editor:

Earlier this month my wife and I visited Fat Boy's Restaurant on U.S. 27 in South Bay. We enjoyed lunch and went on our way, not realizing that I had dropped my wallet in the parking lot. It was not until the following day that I discovered its absence.

After experiencing a period of denial and accepting that this valued piece of leather and its contents were no longer in my possession, I decided to expand the search beyond the limits of my property. I soon realized that the last time which I paid for anything was yesterday at lunch. After a quick phone call, my search was over; my wallet had been retrieved by an anonymous truck driver and stored in the Fat Boy's safe completely intact!

The purpose of my letter is to recognize and thank these honest people, both the Fat Boys employees who refused to accept any reward and the truck driver who could have easily pocketed by belongings.

There are too many stories printed and aired that deal with human tragedy and wrongdoing. I hope this letter serves to remind us all that America is full of honest and decent people who know the difference between right and wrong.

If you decide to look for some of them, you can

start at Fat Boy's in South Bay, Florida.

Sincerely,
Juan J. Armas
Belle Glade

Event a success, thanks to many

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the City of South Bay, I want to thank Drs. Raid and Nagata of the University of Florida's S.O.A.R. program, the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, Mr. Macio Golson and his fifth grade class from Rosenwald Elementary, Melissa Booth of the Beautiful Palm Beaches, South Bay's Public Works Department, and various nurseries. *

Your generosity of time, materials, and expertise are invaluable to me/us.

I was indeed honored to work side-by-side with the many volunteers from within and outside of the city limits. To you I also extend thanks. Every time I look at our fountain area, I will be reminded of what determination and hard work can achieve. This event was a success because of all of you.

Commissioner Clarissa L. Davis
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Defeat of Mental Health Parity good for Florida residents

By Dr. Mark Barber

While "mental health experts" may be saddened once again by the defeat of parity in Florida, residents of our state can breathe a much deserved sigh of relief that such a destructive piece of legislation did not make it to the governor's desk. Why, you ask?

First, there is a financial benefit. Anyone who pays a medical insurance premium will not see it rise. While the proponents of parity say premium costs would go up less than "a dollar", you and I know better.

The children of this state will reap the biggest reward from parity's defeat. While groups such as the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) and the American Psychiatric Association (APA) claim they are trying to "reduce the stigma" of "mental illness", no other group more than psychiatry stigmatizes our children with false labels of "mental disorder" for nothing more than not being able to "sit still" in school. Once labeled, the child falls into a host of "at risk" categories. If you read psychiatric literature, you would hear psychiatrists and psychologists refer to children labeled as having "attention deficits" as "pre-schizophrenics", "pre-manic-depressives", "fledgling psychopaths", and "potential adult criminals." They do not see children.

This is very destructive to children. As early as 1960 the Council of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues pointed out that "children who are identified and labeled as probable future delinquents are likely to be treated and isolated as 'bad' children by teachers and others who are not subject to the virtually hysterical climate of opinion concerning juvenile delinquency. Such treatment is likely to increase the child's sense of alienation and, thereby, increase the probability of his becoming delinquent or of developing other forms of psychological maladjustments."

Thankfully, without parity, there is less of an incentive for children to be labeled by psychiatrists.

For Florida residents, there is now less potential of being kidnapped by the for-profit psychiatric industry, now that parity is defeated. Yes, I said kidnapped. Investigators at the Justice Department and the FBI found that for-profit psychiatric hospitals sent out "bounty hunters" to get patients with psychiatric insurance benefits - the hospital would keep the victim, often drugged during the ordeal, until the insurance benefits ran out, usually about 30 days. Imagine what would happen if insurance plans paid for unlimited psychiatric "hospitalization." The elderly residents of our state will benefit from the parity defeat, as elderly nursing home residents are often the target of "bounty hunters" or "patient brokers."

A study conducted at a Florida psychiatric hospital in the 1980s showed that people really don't need "psychiatric" insurance, they just need valid medical insurance. It was found that psychiatrists "missed the presence of physical illness in 80 percent of the (100) cases." The undiagnosed medical condition was often the cause of the psychiatric symptoms. Yet, all these individuals had been given a psychiatric diagnosis and referred for psychiatric hospitalization. Incredible! It was admitted that, nearly half of such cases eventually end up in state-run mental hospitals - some die when their real medical problem overwhelms them. This is what psychiatry admits.

People should have affordable medical insurance. They should also be spared of all psychiatry has to "offer." Parity's demise would be equated with the potential increase in the health and happiness of Florida's residents.

Dr. Barber is a Florida dentist with a bachelor of Science degree in biology and is currently an investigative researcher and Commissioner for the Citizens Commission on Human Rights.

Militias are armed, dangerous and educated

By Cathy Keen

University of Florida News

Militia groups have the weapons, explosives and a surprising degree of education - to back up their threats of increased violence as the new millennium approaches, says a University of Florida researcher who infiltrated the movement.

J. Keith Akins said his study defies the common belief that members of violent extremist groups are uneducated and poor. The UF graduate student in anthropology said he found that statistically, militia members are better educated than the general population and their membership cuts across traditional class boundaries.

Census data show about 27 percent of American adults are high school dropouts, compared with less than 10 percent of militia members throughout Florida, as Mr. Akins' study found. "There are faculty members, business owners, corporate executives, lawyers and doctors interacting with rednecks, the unemployed and menial labor," he said.

A disabled veteran curious about how decorated war hero Timothy McVeigh became involved in the Oklahoma City bombing, Mr. Akins joined a Jacksonville militia in March 1996 to research the movement for his dissertation. He spent three years organizing the group's rallies and planning meetings and training sessions with other militias throughout Florida, in the process joining a "skinhead" mil-

itia and a Ku Klux Klan chapter.

"The militia movement is far more heavily armed than most people realize, and the danger of innocent people being caught in a random bombing is a lot higher than the general population is aware," said Mr. Akins. "As the millennium approaches, members of these groups are making more and more threats that may lead to violence similar to the bombings in Olympic Park and Oklahoma City."

The millennium's significance is based on most militias' interpretation of prophecies in the Bible's book of Revelation about the battle of Armageddon, as well as persistent talk by evangelists such as Pat Robertson about an approaching end to the world, he said.

"They keep talking about when the war starts, but no one makes any solid predictions about how it will start or who is going to start it," Mr. Akins said. "Among the many individual threats, one member said, 'Americans had better get used to World Trade Center bombings and Oklahoma City. People are fighting back. Like in all wars, innocents get killed.' Another warned that people like Janet Reno will end up hanging from telephone poles or trees."

An estimated 440 militia groups exist nationwide, with Florida having one of the largest concentrations of them and white supremacy groups, Mr. Akins said. He identified 77 militias in the state, ranging in size from five to 30.

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Volunteers sought to teach seniors computer skills

Do you have a few hours a week you could spare to help our local senior citizens? Do you have computer skills and the patience to teach others what you know?

The West County Senior Citizens Center is seeking someone to instruct seniors in the basics of computer skills.

For more information or to volunteer call Effie McNair at 996-4808.

Lifebuilders offer to do free home repairs

Lifebuilders, a Christian group in the Glades, is offering to do free home repairs for needy families.

The men are especially interested in helping widows in the Glades who need home repairs but cannot afford to have them done.

For more information, call

996-0508 or 924-7284.

Businesses sought to get involved in a Welfare to Work program

Jean Carney from the Division of Jobs & Benefits is urging all Glades employers to get involved in the Welfare to Work program.

Beginning Sept. 30, 1998, there will be 80 families who will no longer be receiving government assistance. These people are going to need jobs.

There are many tax incentives for employers who are willing to take part in the Welfare to Work program.

For more information, please contact Jean Carney or Douglas Green at 992-1310.

Vacation Bible School

The Pahokee First United Methodist Church will be con-

ducting its Vacation Bible School from 8:45 to 8:45 p.m. June 15-19 for children ages 3-12. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. on June 15.

Doo Wop is coming

Doo Wop City is coming. For information, call 924-2003.

Poll Workers needed

Supervisor of Elections, Theresa LePore, is looking for poll workers in the Glades to work in the upcoming fall elections.

If you are a registered voter in Palm Beach County, have your own transportation, and are physically able to work a 14-hour day, this may be for you. Poll workers are needed to work in many areas of the county.

Each poll workers is a part of the important process by which we Americans select our leaders and have a voice in our government, said Ms. LePore.

Please call 561-355-2650 and ask for extension 0217 to have a poll worker brochure/application mailed to you.

Crimestoppers



Everett T. Guerry

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Everett T. Guerry, who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, possession of marijuana, obstruction of an officer, without violence and carrying a concealed weapon. He is also wanted for domestic battery and criminal mischief. Guerry also goes by the alias Narcos A. Benoit. He is a black male, 5'8", weighing 169

pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is May 19, 1977. His Social Security Number is unknown. His last address was 5845 Bermuda Circle, West Palm Beach. His warrant was active as of June 1, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Guerry, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Belle Glade Police Department arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 588 complaints, worked 14 crime scenes and gave 27 traffic citations the week of June 1-7.

Those arrested included:

June 1 - Loretta Sue Bain, 39, aggravated battery; Ruben Figueroa, 42, violation of an injunction for protection and stalking; Herbert Carty, 34, burglary, grand theft, resisting arrest without violence and obstruction by a disabled person.

June 2 - Kelvin Garrison, 28, contempt of court; Allen Madison, 26, aggravated assault; Charles Williams,

34, obtaining lodging with intent to defraud.

June 3 - Owen Hinds, 24, battery on a pregnant female; Delma Jessie, 19, failure to appear and violation of probation; Pelege David, 20, domestic battery.

June 4 - Audrey Jones, 20, violation of probation; Cassandra Simons, 40, opposing and obstructing justice.

June 5 - Jimmy Lee McMclorin, 37, possession of a shopping cart; Jerome Rollins, 35, possession of a shopping cart and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

June 6 - Juvenile, 16, aggravated stalking and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Patty White, 39, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; Charles White, 46, domestic battery; Garquette Cumberbatch, 18, uttering a forged check, petty theft and aggravated domestic battery; Juvenile, 14, retail theft.

June 7 - Juvenile, 17, failure to appear; Juvenile, 16, domestic battery; Anyl Labady, 37, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

South Bay Police Department arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made 5 arrests the week of May 31-June 6.

Those arrested included:

May 31 - No arrests made.

June 1 - Zandra Hatcher, 22, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

June 2 - No arrests made.

June 3 - No arrests made.

June 4 - Charles Russell Nelson, 45, burglary; Joshua Lamont Hatcher, 24, battery on a law enforcement officer;

Juvenile, 17, obstruction by disguise; Tammy Denise Beckworth, 21, theft.

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Pahokee Police Department arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 14 arrests the week of June 1-7.

Those arrested included:

June 1 - Juvenile, 17, possession of a short barreled shotgun; Nora Steele, 20, aggravated battery, assault and resisting arrest without violence; Odessa Oliver, 26, battery and criminal mischief.

June 2 - Lawrence Walker, 47, possession of cocaine with intent to sell and posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia; Daniel McBride, 40, felony retail theft and a warrant for failure to appear.

June 3 - Juvenile, 16, aggravated battery.

June 4 - Lucy Nicole Hardy, aggravated domestic battery with a deadly weapon.

June 5 - Rashon Brown, 18, aggravated domestic battery and trespassing after warning.

June 6 - Willie Samuel,

53, domestic battery; Juvenile, 15, criminal mischief; Timothy Phillips, 37, obstructing police and resisting arrest without violence; Albert Pringle, 36, obstructing police, battery on a police officer and resisting arrest with violence; Donald Marenco, 44, possession of an open alcoholic beverage; Francisco Zenil, 32, possession of an open alcohol beverage.

June 7 - No arrests made.

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members, along with 21 Ku Klux Klan and eight Nazi or "skinhead" groups.

"I found that nearly everyone in the militia

group owns multiple firearms, at least one

member owns automatic assault weapons and

the amount of explosives each organization has

access to is far beyond what most people could

imagine," Mr. Akiss said. "They also have a lot

more ties to violent groups in Europe and Aus-

tralia than most people think, using the inter-

net to exchange information about how to make

weapons and manufacture explosives."

Despite their violent rhetoric, Mr. Akiss said,

most members are active in their church, some

are local politicians and nearly all are married

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CHILDREN SHOWN WERE REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD ANNUAL "STAND FOR CHILDREN DAY" CELEBRATION held Saturday, June 6, at Pioneer Park, State Road 715, Belle Glade. The event was a success for all involved.

SPEAK OUT/PAGE 4

I challenge this caller to look back over any edition of *The Sun*. I believe you will find that we represent the diversity of our communities very well.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to call us if you are having an event you would like coverage. It is possible for us to be there, we will. If not, we do

have several cameras with black and white film we will be glad to loan to any responsible adult.

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Obituaries

Week of June 11, 1998

Velma Glass, 75, of Belle Glade passed away Thursday, June 4, 1998. Mrs. Glass had been a resident of Belle Glade since 1954. She was a retired cafeteria manager with the Palm Beach County School Board, where she had received the Manager's Award several times. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Mrs. Glass is survived by her husband of over 60 years, Cecil; sons, Alvin of Belle Glade, Albert of Arab, Alabama, Allen of Kansas City, Missouri and one daughter, Barbara Sajenni of Belle Glade, grandchildren, Jack Glass, Jim Bowen, Teressa Reed, Mark Glass, Mike Glass, Lisa Glass, Jennifer Glass, Barbara Glass, Alicia Glass and Lorrie Glass. Great grandchildren - Krista, Phillip, Ronald, Ashley, Avery, Jonathan and Clarissa, and one great-grandchild BeAnna.

Services for Mrs. Glass were held on Monday, June 8, at the Chosen Missionary Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.

Mixson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SHP

Senior HIV Intervention Project

for adults 50 years and up
is DOCKING at
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100 Downs Circle,
Belle Glade.

The group will meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. - Educational Workshops and 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Discussion Support Workshops. Refreshments will be served. Please call Marilyn at 996-9705. The group will also be meeting at: Greater Saint Paul (Fellowship Hall) Church of God & Christ, 915 West Ave. A, Belle Glade. Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Discussion Support Workshops. Refreshments will be served. Please call Gerri at 996-9555.

Please call to reserve seating.



Alexia Sears (center) is pictured with two Air Force officers on May 23, the day of her commissioning into the Air Force.

Army, Air Force and Navy News

Alexia M. Sears, a former 1990 Harvest Queen, graduated from Pahokee High School in 1990. After graduation she attended the University of Florida where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Since 1995, Alexa has worked as a Registered Nurse at the Florida Hospital in Orlando. For a year and a half she worked in the progressive care unit (PCU) and then in the emergency department for another year and a half.

Recently, Alexa joined the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps and was commissioned as a second lieutenant on May 23 in Orlando.

On June 30, she will travel to the Maxwell

Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama for Commissioned Officer Training (COT). This is a four week intense training course that helps officers through the transition of having a civilian lifestyle to a military lifestyle.

Alexia's permanent duty station will be at Travis A.F.B. in Fairfield, California, which is 50 miles northeast of San Francisco. She will be working in the critical care department and possibly transferring to the intensive care or emergency department.

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Sports

Glades area track results

The Pahokee Track Club attended the USA Track and Field - County Championships on June 6th at Roosevelt Middle School in West Palm Beach. The following runners qualified for State meet, which is June 17th - 20th, at William T. Dwyer High School in Palm Beach Gardens:

Leonard Pitts

Placed 1st in the 200 Meter Hurdles, 25.4 (state record); 1st place in the 100 Meter Run, 11.23; 1st place in the Long Jump, 20.4" (state record).

Keith Babb

Placed 1st in the 400 Meter Run, 54.01; 2nd place in the Long Jump, 19.3 1/2".

Shaibhan Blacknall

Placed 1st in the 300 Meter Run, 11.30; 1st in the 800 Meter Run, 2:21; 1st in the 1500 Meter Run 5:10.

Saturday, May 30, the Glades Track Club won the County Championship by defeating 21 other teams. Lake Shore scored 117 points to Roosevelt's second place score of 64 points. The following athletes placed:

Anita Perkins

1st in the 400 Meter Dash, 2nd in the 200 Meter Dash, tied for 3rd in the High Jump, and 4th in the 100 Meter Dash.

Siobhan Fergiels

1st in Shot Put.

Chericka Smith

3rd in the Long Jump, tied 3rd in the High Jump, and 4th in the 100 Meter Hurdles.

Rounisha Smith

4th in the 500 Meter Run.

Latasha Pearson

4th in the 400 Meter Run.

Tameka Hanna, Frenchetta Brauge, Ronnshae Hanna &

Marquita Wooten
All placed 2nd in the 800 Medley Relay.

Latasha Pearson, Rounisha Smith, Carnesha Lawrence &

Marquita Wooten

All placed 2nd in the Mile Relay.

Ronnshae Hanna, Tameka Hanna, Frenchetta Beauge & Shatara Butts

All placed 3rd in the 4x100 Meter Relay.

On June 6 the Glades Track Club participated in the USATF/Florida Junior Olympic Track & Field Qualifier competition at Roosevelt Middle School in West Palm Beach.

Jerkita McClorin

(Young Women 17-18 years old)
1st in the Javelin competition, 87'3"; 1st in the 400 Meter Hurdles, 1:03.6.

Geneeka Morris

(Midget 11-12 years old)
1st in the High Jump, 4'8"; 1st in the Shot Put, 23'8"; 1st in the 80 Meter Hurdles, 13:98 (beating her record of 14.59).

Anita Perkins

(Young 13-14 years old)
1st in the High Jump, 4'8"; 1st in the Javelin competition, 9'1"; 1st in the Long Jump, 16'9" 3/4" (beating her record of 16'5.25"); 1st in the 1500 Meter Run, 5:11.0.

Tiffany Summerall

(Midget 11-12 years old)
3rd in the 80 Meter Hurdle, 14.81; 7th in the 100 Meter Dash, 14.70; 5th in the 400 Meter Dash, 1:17.9.

Kristin White

(Young Women 17-18 years old)
2nd in the Javelin competition, 87'2 1/2"; 1st in the Discus, 11'8 1/2"; 1st in the High Jump, 4'4".

In Brief

Pool Is Open
The Lake Shore Park swimming pool is now OPEN Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Swimming lessons will be offered Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Weekend hours are Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Lake Shore Pool, 996-3861 or City Hall, 996-0100.

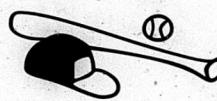
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The Sun
this edition will be printed
next week.

BELLE GLADE

Summer Softball League 1998 Schedule

A-Division

- 1) Florida Crystal
- 2) Wedgworth
- 3) GCI
- 4) Life Builders
- 5) Glades Sugar
- 6) Geneva Liquor



B-Division

- 11) Okeelanta
- 12) JE Wilson
- 13) Good Shepherd
- 14) Mulo
- 15) Moss Towing
- 16) CSC
- 17) Duda

F-1 F-2

June 1
1-2 11-12
3-4 13-14

F-1 F-2

June 2
5-6 15-16
17-11 1-3

F-1 F-2

June 4
2-4 15-14
12-13 16-17

June 8

4-1 12-14
5-2 11-13

June 9

3-5 12-15
6-2 16-14

June 11

1-6 13-17
5-4 15-11

June 15

11-16 17-12
13-15 3-6

June 16

4-6 14-17
1-5 12-16

June 18

11-14 13-16
15-17 2-3

- * First game begins at 7:00 p.m. - no grace
- * Second game begins at 8:00 p.m. - no grace
- * All games have a one hour and 15 minute time limit
- * 12 run-rule will apply after 5 innings, 25 run-rule after 3 innings
- * F-1-Field #1 (games listed on left under each date), F-2-Field #2 (right)
- * First team is home team
- * Top line for each date is 1st game and second line is 2nd game
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Beryl Bowden, former owner of *Everglades News*, dies

den was a teenager and she attended one year of high school there. She graduated from Florida State College for Women, now Florida State University, earning her A.B. degree in 1924.

She spent most of her entire career in the newspaper business and learned it from the ground up.

"In newspaper work, you see things that need to be done and you get involved," she once said.

That is the story of the life of Beryl Bowden, beloved newspaper woman of the papers in Moore Haven, Clewiston and LaBelle. Mrs. Bowden came to Moore Haven in 1929 when she and her husband, Keathley "Kit" Bowden bought the Glades County Democrat, scraping together the down payment of \$500. It was during the depression and she worked hard at her work.

She and her employees worked together to make ends meet and it was that spirit that started her love for the community. In Moore Haven Beryl learned every phase of newspaper work, doing most of the writing and bookkeeping for the Democrat. She learned many things about the history of the area, as well as current happenings, and that's when she started to get interested in many local endeavors.

In 1931 the Bowdens began helping James E. Beardley publish the Clewiston News and in 1933 they took over the Everglades News which later became the newspaper in Pahokee. They also operated a printing plant in Belle Glade. Even with all these enterprises the Bowdens were still scraping by in the newspaper business because the depression had affected advertisers, too. The Bowdens were then parents of two little boys, Charles Keathley (K), born in 1932; and Paul Howard, born in 1936.

In 1937 Kit and F. Deane Duff purchased the LaBelle newspaper, the Hendry County News, and sold the one in Pahokee. In 1944 Kit suffered a severe heart attack and the Bowdens sold their newspaper interests and moved to Melbourne where they bought the local paper. In a little more than a year Beryl and the two boys were back in Clewiston, and she and Kit were di-

vorced.

For several years Beryl worked in the insurance offices of Ruth and Jim Beardley. One day, Clewiston News Publisher Carr Settle asked the Beardleys to lend Beryl to the paper for a month so he could take a vacation. She stayed 24 years, taking over as publisher of the Clewiston News and Hendry County News in 1950. When the Glades County Democrat was purchased Mrs. Bowden became publisher of it, too.

After leaving newspaper colleagues, Moore Haven native Sonny Stalls met Beryl in 1959 and worked with her off and on until she retired in 1973. Mr. Stalls is now an executive with Independent News, Inc. which publishes newspapers around Lake Okeechobee, including the Clewiston News, Glades County Democrat and Caloosa Belle.

Beryl has influenced a number of newspaper publishers including Sonny, who in turn has influenced others. Sonny said she had a positive effect on his career and Jim Jones, who was publisher and editor of the paper when Sonny left, after Beryl retired, said both Beryl and Sonny taught him a lot.

Beryl kept abreast of her towns by attending all the city and county meetings. She was an excellent reporter and believed in a newspaper supporting its community. She gleaned news from people on the street and paid attention to what people had to say.

"Unless the individual person involves himself completely in the community, he or she is not good to the newspaper," Beryl once said. "That's one thing not taught in journalism school, along with a little spelling and sentence structure."

In 1965 Beryl received the City of Clewiston's first Community Service Award. The Beta Sigma Phi Sorority named her their "First Lady of the Year" in 1980, their first time presentation. In 1984, years after her retirement, she was made Publisher Emeritus of the Clewiston News and the Democrat, and was honored at an open house at the Clewiston News where she was presented with a dozen red roses.

"The first time in my life I have

ever had a dozen roses all at once," she exclaimed.

In June of 1995 the Florida Society of Newspaper Publishers named her to its Hall of Fame. The Hendry County Fair was dedicated to her in 1966 and she was named Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Club. She was vice president of the Florida Press Association and served the Clewiston Planning Board.

She headed the Bicentennial Committee to revamp Civic Center Park, but when the City Commission remodeled it for her, she had the signs removed because she did not want the attention. She said it should remain Civic Center Park and it has.

But her greatest honors have come to her from her friends, all the local people who have praised her many contributions and have loved and admired her for her many contributions that will remain.

After dedicating decades of her life to recording the area's news, she began to document the Glades' early history during her retirement, part of which was published in the Clewiston News. She helped found the Caloosa Valley Historical Society, concerned with the history of Clewiston, Moore Haven and LaBelle. She was the guiding force behind the founding of the Clewiston Museum, spending many hours planning and working to arrange and document the exhibits.

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During the days of Royal Air Force training days at Riddle Field west of Clewiston, for years after World War II, Beryl would be turning up for reunion after reunion depending on Mrs. Bowden to set it up for them. For the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Britain they flew her to London to celebrate with them.

"We have lost a very special person," Miller Couse, First Bank of Clewiston president and Moore Haven native said upon hearing of her death. "She did so many things to bring about the preservation of our history in this area. She was one of my favorite people."

Mr. Couse's mother, Ann, and his

Aunt Bertha (Gramm) were among

Mrs. Bowden's earliest and most faithful friends and Mr. Couse was her greatest supporter to help bring her plans for a museum to fruition. Some of her contemporaries were left to attend her funeral, but one, Bassie Jones, her next door neighbor, for years, was there, as was another next door neighbor, Artis Hall. As Mr. Peterson declared, it was a celebration of her life, but there were a few tears of loving memory shed for a wonderful lady.

And her long time friend, employee and contemporary newspaper publisher and editor, Sonny Stalls, arranged for another dozen roses to be placed under her photograph at the front of the church.

(Jim Jones and Kay Hall contributed to this article.)

High-speed chase ends with one dead

CHASE/From 1

convictions, which according to his arrest record included grand theft, loitering and prowling, probation violation, burglary and petit theft, date back to 1989, the state attorney's office said. Summerlin was released from the Lee County Jail on April 12, and was serving time for driving without a valid driver's license. At the time of the incident on Wednesday, June 3, he was driving the black pickup truck without a valid driver's license, according to the S.A.O. news release.

Officers from the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Clewiston Police Department and Florida Highway Patrol were involved in the high speed chase through Clewiston that began in Harlem, continued to South Bay and ended in the courtyard of the U.S. Sugar Corporation executive offices in downtown Clewiston Wednesday.

According to Hendry County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Grady Johnson, the incident began when the sheriff's office received a 911 call shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday in reference to two

subjects who had been dropped off in Harlem from the suspect's Ford Ranger pickup truck.

The sheriff's office responded and one of my guys went to stop him there and it wound up being a chase involving the Clewiston City Police Department, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department and the Florida Highway Patrol," Chief Johnson said.

The chase exceeded speeds of 80 miles per hour and reached 100 miles per hour at a couple of points, according to Clewiston Police Department spokesman C. J. Van Oers.

"Speeds up to 100 miles an hour in the wrong lane. The driver tried to hit innocent people for no apparent reason. He tried to hit me twice," Lt. Van Oers said.

Lt. Van Oers said Wednesday that Clewiston police officers did not press the driver, but were merely trying to keep him in sight, out of concern for the female passenger who reportedly made repeated attempts to exit the vehicle as it sped up and down the high-speed Clewiston city street.

PCSO spokesman Paul Miller said during the news conference following the incident Wednesday that a truck driver was almost struck head on and jackknifed outside Lake Harbor as the suspect

turned around and headed back to Clewiston going northbound in the southbound lane of U.S. 27.

Two PCOS vehicles and a Clewiston Police Department cruiser were damaged during the chase. A Hendry County Sheriff's Office cruiser burned up its transmission during the chase.

The chase ended when an HCSO deputy put stop sign stick on U.S. 27 as the suspect approached W.C. Owen, puncturing both tires on the right side of the vehicle. The vehicle was stopped in the U.S. Sugar courtyard and shots were fired.

The driver was transported to Hendry Regional Medical Center where he later died. Autopsy results were not available at press time.

Two passengers in the vehicle, a man and a woman were not injured during the chase, however, according to Ms. Carmen, of the State Attorney's Office in Fort Myers, one of two passengers in the vehicle was injured in an altercation after the chase and was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

The state attorney's office is not releasing the names of either the male or female passenger because they are witnesses in an on-going investigation. No charges had been filed against either passenger as of Monday.

Sources close to the investigation said the two passengers were apparently not hostages during the incident as had been suspected during the chase. Ms. Carmen said initially a 911 call to the Hendry County Sheriff's Office led officers to believe it was a kidnapping.

The State Attorney's Office did not indicate which agency the officers involved in the shooting were from, however, published reports indicated that the deputy who shot the driver was from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office had been placed on paid administrative leave while the PCOSO investigates whether the deputy acted appropriately.

Two officers, Richard Dempsey and Carlos Nieves are on leave until the investigation is completed, according to the Palm Beach Post. Two other deputies, Lee Sands and Derek Savage were on leave until Monday and a forth deputy, Danny O'Neal was also involved in the chase but his status was not known Thursday.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement and State Attorney's Office are coordinating the investigation, which is continuing. No further information was available at press time.

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POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,868	1. M. McLaughlin, 1,905	1. Jack Sprague, 1,300
2. Rusty Wallace, 1,843	2. Matt Kenseth, 1,897	2. Ron Hornaday, 1,223
3. Jeff Gordon, 1,822	3. D. Ehrhardt Jr., 1,816	3. Joe Ruttman, 1,223
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5. Dale Jarrett, 1,804	5. Dick Trickle, 1,659	5. Jay Naylor, 1,118
6. Terry Labonte, 1,775	6. Kyle Petty, 1,659	6. Jeff Green, 1,092
7. Bobby Labonte, 1,641	7. Buckshot Jones, 1,629	7. Rick Canelli, 981
8. Jeff Burton, 1,573	8. Hermie Sadler, 1,610	8. Randy Tolman, 962
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FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Terry Labonte had to be fast, and he had to be lucky.

When a late red-flag period gave him a chance for one last shot at Dale Jarrett at Richmond International Raceway, Labonte was up to the challenge. Labonte took the lead in turn four of lap 399. Had it not been for the red flag, with six laps to go, Jarrett would have been an easy winner. When Labonte took the lead, his Chevrolet bumped Jarrett's Ford, and Jarrett returned the favor during the cool-down lap. The victory was Labonte's first of the season and 20th of his career.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Experience proved superior to youthful exuberance Friday night as Winston Cup driver Jeff

Burton held off a determined Dale Jarrett Jr. in the Hardee's 250 at Richmond.

Jarrett seemed to have the superior car as the laps wound down, but Burton repeatedly used slower traffic to his advantage. With five laps to go, Jarrett faltered badly as the two passed the lapped car of Mike Cope, and Burton pulled out to a five-car-length advantage, most of which he maintained to the finish.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Ford driver Tony Raines won his second truck race of the season, holding off Andy Houston and Joe Ruttman at Texas Motor Speedway. Both of Raines' two previous career victories had occurred at 1970 Speedway in Odessa, Mo.

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

Jeff Gordon (1)

Knocked out of the way

2. Mark Martin (2)

Is this his year?

3. Jeremy Mayfield (4)

Who'd have believed it?

4. Dale Jarrett (3)

He got the shaft

5. Terry Labonte (8)

Did what it took

6. Rusty Wallace (5)

Feuding with the Kid

7. Bobby Labonte (6)

Getting more consistent

8. Jeff Burton (7)

A matter of time

9. Ken Schrader (NR)

There at the end

10. Jimmy Spencer (NR)

Started 37th, finished 14th

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
June 14	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Ivan	Jarrett
June 21	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	J. Gordon	Hamilton
June 28	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	Martin	Martin
July 5	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Andretti	Skinner
July 12	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	J. Burton	Schrader
July 26	Brickyard 400, Indianapolis, Ind.	Rudd	Ivan
Aug. 9	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 16	Devil's Hole 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Martin	Benson
Aug. 22	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	Jarrett	K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CMT 400, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	Schrader
Sept. 6	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.	J. Gordon	B. Labonte

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THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

COMING UP: Miller Lite 400
WHERE: Michigan Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.
WHEN: Sunday, June 14
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Ernie Irvan
QUALIFYING RECORD: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 186.611 mph, June 16, 1995

RACE RECORD: Rusty Wallace, Ford, 166.033 mph, June 23, 1996

NOTABLE: Bill Elliott has won seven times at Michigan, the most of any active driver and just two less than David Pearson's all-time record: ...

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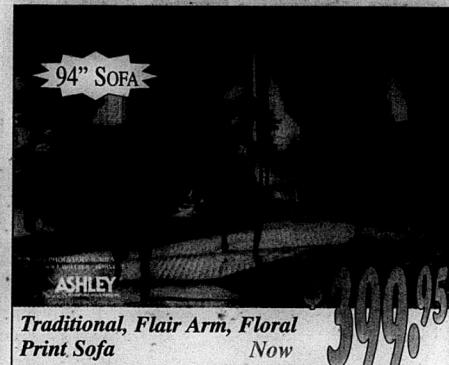
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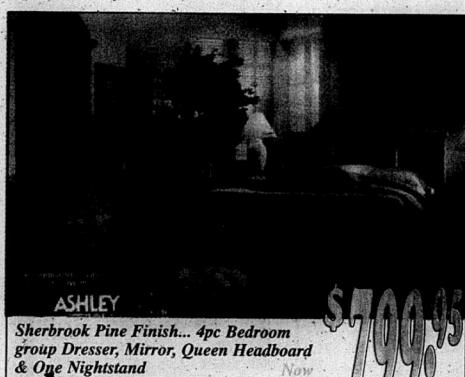
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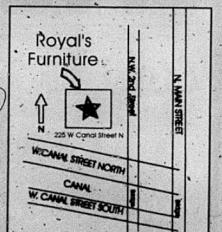
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Rosenwald students take boat tour of Lake Okeechobee

How big is Lake Okeechobee? How did water hyacinths and hydrilla get into the lake?

What effect does temperature have on alligator eggs?

What does a vulture do to protect itself?

By the end of their boat trip on Swampland Tours in Okeechobee Wednesday, students from South Bay's Rosenwald Elementary School knew the answers to those and many other questions about the lake.

The boat tour was part of an education program sponsored by the South Florida Water Management District.

Sandy Jurban, from the SFWMD Office of Government and Public Affairs, spent the week with students from western Palm Beach County. On June 1 and June 5 fifth graders from Belle Glade Elementary School went on the trip. On June 2, and June 3, fifth graders from Rosenwald Elementary went. On June 4, fifth graders from Pioneer Park Elementary participated.

Each day's tour began with a bus trip from the school to Swampland Tours headquarters in Okeechobee, in the Kissimmee River. Students rode in style on an air-conditioned bus from Unique Travel. While on the bus, Ms. Jurban presented a program about the lake area and the students

watched videos about water management and the importance of water conservation.

In Okeechobee, the group boarded the Swampland Tours boat for a two-hour tour of the Kissimmee River, and Lake Okeechobee. Swampland Tours 55-owner Barry Legé told the group about the area and wildlife.

"There's only one Everglades and this is it," he said.

He also added in a few personal stories, like the time his father saved his life by using the web of a golden-legged spider to staunch the flow of blood from an accidental knife wound.

Mr. Legé tried to impress the students with the importance of protecting the environment.

He told them each human in South Florida uses 120 to 200 gallons of water per day. With so many people moving to Florida, this puts a tremendous strain on the natural resources, he said.

On the tour, the students saw an alligator nest, baby moorhens, raccoons, egrets, eagles, herons, anhingas and other wildlife. They learned about the food chain, and how each creature depends on the others for survival.

They also learned some interesting trivia.

For example, the Rosenwald

fifth graders could tell you that:

- Lake Okeechobee covers 730 square miles, the size of 500,000 football fields. It is the second largest freshwater lake within the confines of the continental United States. The largest is Lake Michigan.

- Water hyacinths are an exotic plant brought to this country by those who thought the flowers were attractive and wanted to use them in landscaping. Hydrilla is also an exotic and was brought here to use in aquaria.

Unfortunately, both types of plants got into the lakes and streams where they have multiplied, forcing out native vegetation and impeding navigation.

Hydrilla grows at a rate of two inches per day and is primarily spread by motor boats.

- The temperature determines whether the hatching alligators will be predominantly male or female. In hot years, 60 percent of the eggs that hatch are male. In cooler years, 60 percent of the eggs that hatch are female.

- If a vulture feels threatened and is unable to fly away, it vomits on whatever is frightening it.

Story and photos by Katrina Elsken



Hydrilla, an exotic plant brought to the United States for use in aquariums, now clogs Florida lakes and streams. On Wednesday, Barry Legé of Swampland Tours gave fifth graders from western Palm Beach County a first hand look at hydrilla and other parts of the lake area ecosystem.



As the boat headed back to shore, students competed in a game to answer questions about the lake and area wildlife. The ones answering the most questions correctly received tickets for free trips on Swampland Tours. At center is Sandy Jurban.



Joaquin Martinez, Kenneth Jones and Kenni Brown examine an alligator egg while learning about area wildlife on a Swampland Tours boat trip last week.



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Belle Glade Fire Rescue treats 31 students to minor league baseball game

Belle Glade Fire Rescue recently treated 31 local school children to a day at the Roger Dean Stadium to enjoy a minor league baseball game.

Chief Steve Rice says these students were chosen to attend the event based on their knowledge of fire safety. Each month, fire personnel visit the elementary schools in Belle Glade teaching fire safety.

A monthly newsletter, called the "Junior Fire Marshal Newsletter" is given to each elementary student. Students who complete the questions

and answer sheets turn them in to their teacher and their names entered into monthly drawings for prizes.

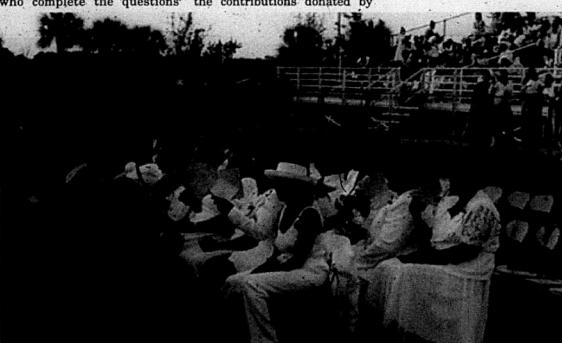
At the end of the year, a drawing is held in each class level at all the elementary schools, and those winners are treated to the trip.

Chief Rice said the students traveled by chartered bus on May 31 to attend the baseball game and returned to the fire station after the event to enjoy a picnic.

"All this was possible due to the contributions donated by

local citizens and businesses in Belle Glade," says Chief Rice. "This year long event, along with the annual children's fishing tournament and our golf tournament has made an instrumental affect on the awareness level of fire safety for the children in our community," said Chief Rice.

"Belle Glade Fire Rescue would like to thank this community for your generous support and we look forward to doing more in public awareness next year," he added.



BOY WAS IT HOT... Glades Central Community High School's graduation was held outdoors on Saturday and the temperature was in the high 90s. Shown are some of the guests and graduates as they fan themselves to stay cool.



Barry Legé of Swampland Tours shows students some water hyacinths fished from Lake Okeechobee.



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Pahokee High School graduates await the big moment when they have their diploma in their hands and are officially 1998 Grads!



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Youth Eagle Academy

By Jennie M. Sears

Staff Reporter

Palm Beach County Sheriff Bob Neimann committed \$1.4 million of his office's budget to create a military style boot camp for rebellious boys who are on the path to juvenile delinquency. Boot camps for bad kids are nothing new, but this boot camp is aimed at prevention.

Eagle Academy is not a rehabilitation camp, but a prevention camp for 13 to 16 year old boys who are one joyride short of a felony record. They've skipped just enough classes to make them a truant, but not a dropout. These boys have broken curfew just enough to frustrate their parents, but not enough to be kicked out of the house. Yet, if these boys fail out of the Eagle Academy it

could be their last chance.

At the Eagle these boys rise at 4 a.m. and begin their day with a three-mile run before daybreak. After their run and breakfast they begin their school day with regular teachers provided by the Palm Beach County School Board. Recruits often write essays on leadership and they keep Anger Management Logs.

Throughout the day they are subjected to physically challenging and competitive training and exercises. There are no televisions at the Eagle. The recruits learn to iron and fold their clothes, manage their time, control their tempers and learn to work as a team.

Now that the kids are in the camp, parents must commit to driving to Belle Glade for weekly meetings with their

child.

In the six months that the recruits are at the camp, counselors can't undo every wrong that has been done to them, their whole lives, but they do their best and so far the results are pretty good.

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Palm Beach Community College announces winter term graduates

Palm Beach Community College awarded degrees to 743 graduates at winter term commencement exercises held May 12 at the Florida Atlantic University Gymnasium in Boca Raton.

The graduates include: Pahokee - Leo Angelo P. Perez, Ongela Antoinette Smith, Lekecha Olinyetta Wells; Kimberly Athena Woodley; Okeechobee - Walter E. Bloom; Clewiston - Keisha Nichole Blackwood, Rosa Maria Valdes Carter, Adriana Maria Padron, Curtis Lamar Scruggs, Kenneth Turner, Bevan O. Weekes; Belle Glade - Edgar Calvin Campbell, Adrian Thorne Damms, Charney Daby, Sofi Haydee Gomez, Wanda Wilson Jackson, Ryan Scott Mann.

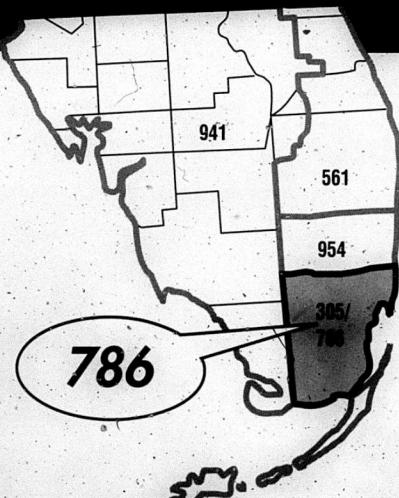


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Community leaders participate in

American Heart Association Celebrity Waiters Luncheon

The American Heart Association, Glades Division, had their annual Celebrity Waiter Luncheon on May 29 at the Drawbridge Cafe.

This community event raises funds for the American Heart Association's fight against cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Money raised from this event will go towards the Glades Heart Walk, scheduled for September.

Elizabeth Hernandez, chairwoman of this year's event, said, "The Celebrity Waiter Luncheon was once again successful. We had a great time and the most important part was that it was for a great cause.

We were able to raise lots of money and on behalf of the Glades committee we would like to thank all of the business representatives and community leaders for their continued support. Without their support we couldn't make this event successful."

Waiters and waitresses for this year's event includes Brian Lohmann, Liz Hernandez, Barney Weeks, Mickey McGahee, Danielle Penuel, and Gen Faile. Awards were given to Liz Hernandez for Best Outfit; Barney Weeks for Funniest Waiter; Brian Lohmann for Good Sport; Danielle Penuel for Most Talented Waiter, and Liz

Hernandez for Top Waiter who also raised the most money. Certificates were given to all waiters for participation.

Committee members included Leslie Kaczor with the American Heart Association, Lee and Mark Sutterfield, Bud Backerms, Liz Hernandez, Barney Weeks, Julia Hale, and Cherie Bowens.

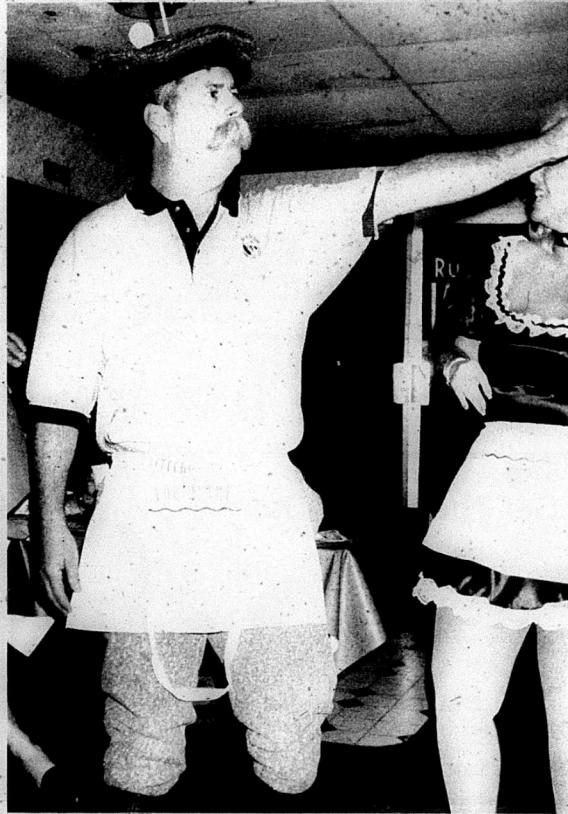
"We also want to thank our honorary guests who attended," said Ms. Hernandez. They included Cecil Bennett, CEO for the Palm Beach County Health Care District, Tim Henderson, Quantum Foundation and Tony Masiotti, Mayor of Royal Palm Beach.



GLADES HEART ASSOCIATION CHAIR LIZ HERNANDEZ joined in the fun at the American Heart Association's Celebrity Luncheon on Friday.



BELLE GLADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DANIELLE PENUEL enjoyed participating in the luncheon and helping to raise money for a good cause.



TALK TO THE HAND...Barney Weeks won the award for funniest waiter at the American Heart Association's Celebrity Luncheon last Friday. Money raised from the event will benefit research for heart disease and the local Glades Chapter of the American Heart Association.



VERY SHEIK...Brian Lohmann and Liz Hernandez make a grand entrance at the luncheon.



CELEBRITY WAITER MICKEY MCGAHEE takes his boot off during the American Heart Association's Celebrity Waiters Luncheon last Friday at the Drawbridge Cafe.

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